

# **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

## **Elder's Commission**

3rd Quarterly Report  
July – August – September  
2019



## **Commissioners**

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

JoAnn Carey, Treasurer

Janice Shackleford, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center in Conference Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elders Commission and Elders Department Director have established a line of communication to discuss issues and concerns of the Elders Department and Community members. The Elder's Commission will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

Meetings attended by the Elders Commission:

- July 9, 2019 Regular Scheduled Elders Commission Meeting.
- August 7, 2019 Regular Scheduled Elders Commission Meeting.
- September 10, 2019 Rescheduled Regular Elders Commission Meeting.
- September 24, 2019 Work Session – Direct Client Services Assistance Policy.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- October 2, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- October 7-9, 2019 MI Indian Elders Association (MIEA) Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, Battle Creek, MI.
- November 6, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- December 4, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting

The Michigan Indian Elders Association October Conference will be hosted by Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians,

Battle Creek, MI on October 7-9, 2019 MI Indian Elders Association (MIEA). The Elders Commission has at least 1 (one) commissioner attend each of these conferences to keep abreast of what is happening with MI Indian Elders and their concerns and upcoming meetings.

The Elders Commission presented MIEA Resolution #18-002 Ban on Single Use Plastic Straws to the LTBB Executive Department and the Resolution has been submitted to Tribal Council. The LTBB Elders Commissioners are in support of this Resolution and would like to have LTBB Government Buildings and Odawa Casino take steps to ban Plastic Straws. It has been observed that the LTBB Odawa Casino has implemented the use of Paper Straws at their facilities.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

